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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1964

### **NASA INVOLVEMENT:**

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas  
Flight Dynamics Officer (FIDO), Flight Control Dynamics Branch, Flight Control Division, Flight Operations Directorate (1964–1969)  
Chief, Trajectory Section, Flight Dynamics Branch (1971–1973)  
Chief, Mission Plans/Requirements Section, Mission Operations Branch (1974–1976)  
Chief, Operations Integration Section, Mission Operations Branch (1977–1979)  
Chief, Flight Activities Branch, Crew Training And Procedures Division (1980–1981)  
Deputy Chief, Operations Division (1982–1984)  
Chief, Operations Division (1985–1992)  
Deputy Assistant Director for Space Shuttle Program, Mission Operations (1993)  
Deputy Assistant Director for Operations (1994)  
Assistant for Operations (1996)

### **PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Registered Professional Engineer, Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

### **AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- Chairman, Flight Operations Panel, 1979 – 1985
- Member, Secure Operations Preboard, 1982 – 1985
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1988

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS:**

Pavelka, E. L., “Ground Control of Rendezvous,” Gemini Summary Conference, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas (May 1967).

### **SOURCES:**

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